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SUBJ: FRANCO-DAHOMAN COOPERATION ACCORDS

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1. FRENCH EMBASSY INFORMS US FRENCH GOVT HAS DECIDED PROCEED TO FINAL STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW FRANCO-DAHOMAN COOPERATION ACCORDS. FRENCH NEGOTIATING TEAM WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED COME EARLY DEC, BUT ITS ARRIVAL WAS POSTPONED BY FRENCH FOLLOWING DAHOMAN GOVT'S TAKE-OVER OF CERTAIN FRENCH (ALONG WITH OTHER FOREIGN) BUSINESS INTERESTS THE PREVIOUS WEEK. FRENCH ARE NOW PROCEEDING ON BASIS ORAL DAHOMAN GOVT ASSURANCES THAT A JUST SETTLEMENT WILL BE MADE WITH THE COMPANIES CONCERNED.

2. FRENCH NEGOTIATING TEAM OF ABOUT 15 MEMBERS EXPECTED ARRIVE COTONOU 30 JAN 30. IF THEY REACH AGREEMENT WITH DAHOMAN GOVT, FRENCH MIN OF OVERSEAS COOPERATION WILL COME COTONOU IN MID-FEB TO SIGN FOR FRANCE.

3. FRENCH EMBASSY EXPECTS NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED SMOOTHLY SINCE ONLY MINOR DETAILS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT. WHEN LAST ROUND OF TALKS ENDED IN PARIS IN OCT, THE FRENCH HAD DAHOMEY'S AGREEMENT ON ALL MAJOR POINTS.

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